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I am deeply concerned with the proposed settlement in the Microsoft Antitrust case. I was very enthused to discover the Proposed Final Judgment requires Microsoft to finally open its APIs to Windows but after further investigation I discovered that the PFJ does not in fact require Microsoft to open the Windows APIs. It merely requires them to open the interfaces between Microsoft Middleware and Microsoft Windows.

Opening the APIs should be opening the door all the way open and not just letting someone get their foot through the door only to find that's as far as they can go. The wording in the PFJ does not solve the problem. It helps but it's more of a dong and a dance than a real solution.

Thank you for hearing my voice.

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